Cassettes of Classical Music

676. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Radio started producing cassettes of classical music in collaboration with H.M.V., if so, when this scheme started and what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the number of cassettes produced under this scheme so far and what are the prospective schemes and;

(c) what are the rates of royalty of these cassettes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) All India Radio started producting cassettes of classical music in 1988.

It has entered into an arrangement for release of Archival material with different well established Companies for production and marketing of these cassettes.

(b) So fad 26 cassettes have been produced under this scheme. Release of twenty one more programmes in the near future is envisaged.

(c) The companies pay 7-1/2 per cent royalty to the Government.

Price of Urea

677. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what was the price of Urea on 1st June, 1991 and what is the price at present in the market and why small and marginal farmers are not getting the advantage of the declaration made by the Finance Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): The statutory maximum price of Urea for sale to the farmers in country as on 1st June 1991 was Rs. 23250/- per mt excluding Sales Tax and other local taxes as applicable in each state. Instructions were issued to the State Govts. to ensure that stock of controlled fertilisers held by wholesalers and retail dealers as on 24-7-91 shall be sold at pre-budget price. Stock of fertilisers acquired by the wholesale/retail dealers after 24-7-91 was required to be sold at prices not exceeding the maximum price fixed under notification No. S. O. 516 (E) dated 14-8-91 which in case of Urea is Re. 3060/- per tonne excluding Sales Tax and other local taxes. State Govts. have been advised to evolve a scheme under which the small and marginal farmers would be exempted from the latest increase in the price of fertilisers.

Duty concessions on Ampicillin Trihydrate

678. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 770 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that duty concessions have been given on the production of Ampicillin Trihydrate;

(b) if so, what are the details of the concessions allowed;

(c) whether it is a fact that duty concession of Ampicillin Trihydrate amounts to concessions on Ampicillin Sodium;

(d) if so, the concession allowed to per kg. production;

(e) whether it is a fact that there are number of producers of Ampicillin sodium Sterile;

(f) if so, names of the producers and quantity produced by each during the last two years, year-wise;

(g) what is the policy in selecting the units for cost study and data for other units for restricting imports; and

(h) what are the names of units who submitted the data?